



# HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH THE ANCHOR

MARCH - APRIL 2010

## WHY? HOW? WHAT?

On Sunday April 11, the Sunday morning Bible class will begin a study of the Lutheran Divine Service. Why do we do what we do? What do all the parts of the liturgy mean? Where do these practices come from? Why is there no uniformity from one Missouri Synod parish to another? What questions should we ask when evaluating what we do in worship?

These questions and more we will tackle as we launch into this study. But what is Lutheran worship?

The Lutherans were happy to keep the word the Roman church was using to describe the service: the Mass. In fact, this is the most common word in the Lutheran Confessions used to describe the weekly worship wherein God gathers His people. But they also coined a new word: *Gottesdienst*. The word is translated "Divine service" and is the source of calling the Lutheran service the Divine Service.

Encapsulated in this word is the basic Lutheran understanding of worship. We don't come to God. He comes to us; He comes to serve us. Of primary importance in the service is not what we do. Rather, it is what God is doing. We don't come to worship to give God our prayer, praise, and thanksgiving, to tell Him how awesome He is, to boost His self-confidence over the next six days. We come because this is where He is, where He comes to deliver His gifts. The principle actor is God. We are there chiefly as recipients, but also as participants.

So, if you have questions about the Divine Service, come. If you've ever hesitated about bringing a guest with to church because you were afraid he would feel uncomfortable or because you felt ill-equipped to answer the inevitable questions, come. If you're grown up in the Lutheran liturgical tradition, come. If you're sometimes confused about the parts of the service and what they all mean, come. If you're enamored with so-called contemporary worship, come.

Here are some resources you might find helpful:

Concordia Publishing House has a book by Pr. Scot Kinnaman, *Worshiping with Angels and Archangels: An Introduction to the Divine Service*. This is a book for all ages, and would be a handy tool for parents seeking to explain the service to their children. Another book from CPH that would make a great companion volume to Bible class is Pr. Timothy Maschke's *Gathered Guests: A Guide to Worship in the Lutheran Church*. This is a big book and serves as a high-school-level textbook-style explanation of the service.

Other volumes you will find helpful include some of those that should be on the bookshelf of every Lutheran family: a hymnal, *The Lutheran Study Bible*, the *Treasury of Daily Prayer*, and the Book of Concord. (For more resources, check out [hemmersphere.com](http://hemmersphere.com).)

So come. Our time together is made better by the number of people who are there. Your participation in Bible class benefits not only you but also your brothers and sisters in Christ who are there to learn, as well. In Christ's Service,

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# STEWARDSHIP CORNER

## FEB / MAR. ATTENDANCE

	Divine Service/Lord's Supper	Sunday School	Adult Bible Class
Feb 2	24/18	-	-
Feb 7	111/84	24	21
Feb 14	108/83	13	17
Feb 17	78/49	-	-
Feb 21	98/72	20	19
Feb 24	45	-	-
Feb 28	108/78	24	18
Mar 3	38	-	-
Mar 7	129/87	17	23
Mar 10	34	-	-
Mar 14	85/65	15	14

## FEB / MAR FINANCIAL REPORT

	Envelp	Plate	SS	Debt	Memorial	Flowers	Other	Mission
2/2	10	122						
2/7	2292	160.25		130		40	15.25	10
2/14	1925	553	20		25			10
2/21	1680	102	18.5	20	50		55.5	10
2/24	173	81						
2/28	2145	188	15.25				35.50	10
3/3	143	58						
3/7	2202	471		120		8.5	7.39	
3/10	183	95.5						
3/14	1539	106.3	16				282	

## SERVING IN MARCH / APRIL

### Elders:

March: Keith Baecht / Tony Purcell  
 April: Mark Kloempken / Kerry Hall

### Altar Guild:

March: Jerry & Ethel Mae Summers, Bryan & Lisa McKennon  
 April: Ramona VanHooser, Billie Whyers, Pam Heltsley & Becky Nevlin

### Greeters:

Mar 21 Charles & Judy White  
 Mar. 28 Leroy & Ruth Stiles  
 TBA

### Acolytes

Mar. 21 Erin Smith  
 Mar. 24(Wed) Taylor Eberhardt  
 Mar. 25 (Thurs) Aloera Montz  
 Mar. 28 Ailee Manns  
 Mar. 29(Mon) Josh Manns  
 Mar. 30(Tues) Trevor Sedlacek  
 Mar. 31 (Wed) Katy Rethorn  
 April. 1 (Thurs) Makenzi Summers  
 Apr. 2 (Fri 7p) Aloera Montz  
 Apr. 3 (Sat) Trevor, Katy, Makenzi,  
 Apr. 4 (6 am) Josh, Taylor, Ailee, Aloera  
 Apr. 4 (9:30am) Trevor, Katy, Makenzi,  
 Aloera  
 Apr. 11 Ailee  
 Apr. 18 Josh  
 Apr. 25 Katy

### Ushers:

**First Sunday** Rick Angel, Len Straub, Marvin Frazer

**Second Sunday** John & Steve Ficker, John George, Ed Basham

**Third Sunday** Tony Purcell, Mike Roth, Jerry Summers, Jim Heltsley

**Fourth Sunday** Dave Roth, Don Carpenter, Eric Trisler, Kris McGuire

My song is love unknown,

My Savior's love to me.

Love to the loveless shown t  
 hat they might lovely be.

But who am I, that for my sake,

My Lord should take frail flesh and die?

He came from his blest throne, salvation to bestow.

But men made strange

and none the longed for Christ would know;

But, Oh! My friend, my Friend in deed,

Who at my need my life did spend.

...

In life, no house, no home

My Lord on earth might have;

In death no friendly tomb

But what a stranger gave.

What may I say? Heav'n was His home;

But mine the tomb wherein He lay.

*My Song is Love Unknown, LSB 430*

# NEWS & NOTES

## HOLY WEEK VESPERS

Short, solemn services will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday during Holy Week at 7pm (3/29, 3/30, and 3/31). This will be a quiet time to reflect on Our Lord's Passion and prepare for the events of Good Friday and Easter. On Maundy Thursday, there will be a divine service as usual.

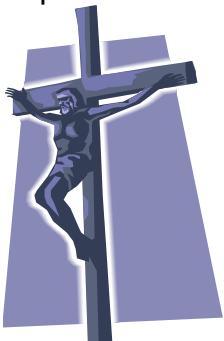
## GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### --TRE - ORE

Again this year, various pastors and guest preachers from the area will participate in a Tre Ore service from 12-3pm on Good Friday, observing the time that Jesus spent hanging on the cross. For those who have not been to this service before, it is actually 7 twenty minute services, with each service being a meditation on one of the final words Jesus said from the cross. If you cannot stay for the full service, you are welcome to come and go during the short breaks between each service. Thanks in advance to all of the preachers who have volunteered to come participate in this service at Hope!

### -TENEBRAE (SERVICE OF DARKNESS)

Hope will have its traditional Tenebrae Service (a Service of Darkness on Good Friday at 7pm. This year, the Jerseyville Ministerial Alliance has decided to invite people to this service instead of hosting its traditional community service. As always, everyone is welcome at Hope!



## EASTER FESTIVITIES

**Saturday, 7:30 – Easter Vigil** - The Celebration of Easter begins (literally) *during* the Easter Vigil Service held on Saturday (4/3) at 7:30 pm. The service begins outside around a fire, and the light is carried into the sanctuary. Paraments and vestments are changed to reflect Easter during the service.

**Confirmation too!!** It is tradition that catechumens prepared during the season of Lent, and then were confirmed as members during the Easter Vigil service. This year, Hope will have its confirmation of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade catechumens who are becoming members of the congregation during the Vigil Service. Don't miss it!

### Sunrise Service, 6 am

### Divine Service, 9:30 am

Each of these are different services, with different readings and hymns and sermons to meditate on the glorious news of our Lord's Resurrection!

### Easter Breakfast – 7:30-8:30 and Children's Easter Activities.

Joy abounds! ☺



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Begins after Matins (8:00 in the sanctuary), at 8:30 every week. No class on Easter.

## ADULT BIBLE CLASS

As noted in Pastor's article, a new series begins in Adult Bible Class on April 12. A great time to begin coming to Bible Class if you haven't already...

## LUTHER LEAGUE

Contact the church office or Brandy Purcell for more information on this awesome group for K-4<sup>th</sup> grade.



## ENEWS MARCH 2010

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### SOMETHING SPECIAL

On February 14, a very special event for our school took place. D'Marcus (Gr. 4) and his brother, Damont (K), were both baptized at Unity Lutheran Church. Pastor Stallworth gathered the two boys around the baptismal font, along with their mother and grandmother, the president of the congregation, John Anthony, and Fourth Grade Teacher, Ms. Oberdeck. In turn, each boy was sprinkled with water, and the words were spoken to them, "I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." In that moment, according to God's promises, their sins were washed away, and they became Children of God. Praise the Lord!

Think of everything that has happened to get to this point! God has used thousands of His people to create this mission environment, where D'Marcus and Damont could hear the Word and then receive God's grace. I wish all of you could have been there. Listen to what the boys' mother wrote in a card to me later that week. She's saying it to you!

*"I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation for your blessings to our family. Words cannot express how grateful we are to have you in our lives. I believe that God's plan for D'Marcus AND Damont was perfect. I am also grateful that Unity School was put in place, so that D'Marcus and Damont could get teachings that are essential for them as they become young men. Thank you for everything."*

We hope and pray that the door is now open for many more of our students to receive this blessing.

### A WORD FROM ANTWAN

I received a hand made card from Antwan (Gr. 2) recently. It was colored beautifully, and on the inside Antwan wrote this greeting (feel free to use his words yourself). "Mr. Miller, have a blessed day, for the rest of your life!" Thanks, Antwan!

### HEY, COVER GIRL!

Did you see the March issue of the Lutheran Witness? One of the lead articles was a finely written story about Unity (Thanks, Lois Engfehr!) On the cover was a great photo of Ms. Oberdeck and one of her former students. We are very proud

and blessed to have the opportunity to tell others what GOD is doing at Unity. It's a modern-day miracle!

### DID YOU SEE OUR VIDEO?

Have you visited our website lately? There's an awesome 47-second video on the homepage (Thanks, Ken Allen, for making that happen.) If you are down in the dumps, the video of our Pre-Kindergarten students is guaranteed to make you smile.

While you're there, you can make a donation with your credit or debit card. Just follow the link.

### OUR FREE OFFER TO YOU

Many of our supporters have demonstrated their support for God's Mission at Unity by making a monthly commitment. We can now set up a monthly Electronic Fund Transfer from your bank to ours, at no cost to you! No check to write. No envelope to address. No stamp to lick. Even a small amount of \$10 per month is significant. (Think of what Jesus did with five loaves of bread and two fish.) Send me an email now before you forget!

### BLACK HISTORY HEROES PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

In honor of Black History Month, each class chose an African American hero, someone who has made a difference in people's lives. Then they researched the person and created a life-sized poster for the hallway.

After that, the students were encouraged to think about the Black History Heroes of the future. What will they be when they grow up? How will they make a difference? Every student then drew a poster of themselves in the future, and these were hung in the hallway also. Did you know that we have in the future...

5 Pastors	2 Lawyers
7 Doctors	6 Airplane Pilots
11 Teachers	13 Policemen
6 Fire Fighters	1 Judge
2 Fashion Designers	

Awesome!

*Encouraging, educating, and preparing children for responsible living in Christ's Kingdom.*

# OUR CHURCH FAMILY

## PRAYER PARTNERS

We pray particularly for these brothers and sisters in Christ:

Week of March 7 - Erinn & TJ Elledge, Blake, Jordan, Hayleigh, & Paige; Opal Ervin

Week of March 14 - John & Ruth Ficker; Steve & Karen Ficker, Emily, Zach, & Sam; Carrie & Brian Marshall; Ben Funk

Week of March 21 - Herb & Kim Frazer, Callie, Maggie, Emily & Anja; Marvin Frazer; Janet Gorecki

Week of March 28 - Gary & Sheri Gaffner; John & Sharon George & Jamie Fester; Darlene & Ed Gowin; Nancy Green; Danny & Amy Green

Week of April 04 - Floyd & Kristi Greene, Karri, Jonathan, Joey, Jordan, Rebecca, & Hannah

Week of April 11 - Kerry & Rhonda Hall, Kourtnee, Kurt, & Khloee; Bob & Bette Hall

Week of April 18 - Georgia Hansen & Jacob; Bob & Yvonne Hartmann; Jim & Pam Heltsley

Week of April 25 - Eunice Hinson; George Hinson

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

02 - Bob & Bette Hall

04 - Paul & Marilyn Rogers

05 - Keith & Becky Baecht

26 - Jeff & Cori Blasa

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

01 - Josh & Erinn Hileman

05 - Joe & Gaylene McKennon

06 - Jerry & Ethel Summers

14 - Brian & Terri White

29 - Tim & Sharon Butler

30 - Joshua & Nicole Neal

## CHECK OUT THE "SHARE BOXES"

Please visit the church's new Share Box, located by the stairs to the Sunday School rooms. We are hoping this becomes a useful tool to help our community. It is a great way to reuse-recycle items and help someone out in the process. For more information, contact the church office or Becky Baecht.

## MARCH/APRIL BIRTHDAYS

3/4 Cara Tinkle

3/5 Aspen White

3/6 Ruth Cook

3/7 Fred Blasa

3/12 Tim VanHoveln

3/12 Rev. Leslie Mitkos

3/13 Marilyn Rogers

3/19 Jordan Greene

3/20 Danny Margeson

Kile Pinkard

3/21 Emily Frazer

3/23 Jennifer Rethorn

3/27 Callie Frazer

3/29 Kaci Eberhardt

Dennis Smith

3/30 Kourtnee Hall

Eric Trisler

Michael Williamson

4/1 Kelli Eberhardt

4/8 Ava Roberts

4/11 Jordan Summers

4/20 Lillie Purcell

4/21 Janet Gorecki

Katelyn Aldefer

4/22 Jon Greene

4/24 Richard Angel

Bethany Blasa

4/27 Tim Roth

Emma Sharich

**Hope Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Notes  
February 9, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by President, Keith Baecht at 7:08 p.m. Pastor Hemmer opened with devotion and prayer.

**Members in attendance:** Pastor Hemmer, Keith Baecht, Robin Manns, Kerry Hall, Tim Butler, Eric Trisler, Tim Van Hoveln, Tony Purcell, Bob Hall, and Rick Angel.

**Secretary's Report:** The January 2010 report was approved and will be placed in the permanent file.

**Treasurer's Report:** Linda Blasa was not present at the meeting.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Hemmer reported that Alora Montz received her first communion on January 24, 2010. He presented the Lent schedule, stating that Ash Wednesday is February 17 and ashes would be presented during the Divine Service at 7:00 p.m. Soup Suppers will begin the following Wednesday before service. The following schedule was put into place:

Feb. 24 - Elders

March 3 - Council

March 10 - Youth Group

March 17 - Alter Guild

March 24 - Sunshine Circle

**Financial Secretary Report:** Jamie Fester was not present at the meeting.

**Elder's Report:** The Elder's report was presented by Tim Butler. The elder's approved Pastor Hemmer's mileage, discussed member concerns and went over the Lent Schedule. Tim also stated the Elder Training Workshop was held on January 31, 2010 at St. Paul's Church. He indicated Hope Lutheran was well represented as the entire Board of Elders attended the training.

**Worship Report:** Rick Angel reiterated that 16 members had received the CPR training. He indicated we need to keep the stairwell clean and free of clutter. He indicated the Elders were making sure the lights are on, leading to the kitchen phone, prior to each service. He will be checking on supplies needed for the upcoming Lenten Soup Suppers. An announcement will be made in Sunday's bulletin for a special collection to purchase the AED.

**Altar Guild Report:** Debbie Basham was not present at the meeting.

**Education Report:** Brandy Purcell was not present at the meeting.

**Properties Report:** Bob Hall reported a small hot water heater is still being considered. Construction has begun on the east side enclosure. Ceiling options for the enclosure were discussed - going to go ahead with insulation and drywall. It was decided two light fixtures should be installed in the new entry. Bob advised that it would be at least two more weeks before the door was in and ready to install. He also advised a new outside outlet would be placed very near the new entry as well as new guttering. A new toilet still needs to be installed in the men's restroom. He also advised he is still waiting to hear from the furnace repair man.

**Social Ministry:** Eric Trisler advised a Trivia night is being considered for sometime this spring.

**Youth Report:** Kim Frazer was not present at the meeting.

**Sunshine Circle Report:** Yvonne Hartmann was not present.

**Old Business:** Volunteers needed to paint and lay flooring in new east entrance. Help is still needed for the Evangelism Board as well as Stewardship. A review of the emergency exit plan will be given to Sunday School Teachers as well as acolytes.

**New Business:** An insurance claim, for the water damage caused by the leaking fountain, was submitted to the adjuster in the amount of \$8,720.00. A new water fountain is going to cost approximately \$500.00. The 2009 audit committee consists of Jim Manns, Ed Basham, Michell Summers, and Donna Morris.

A motion was made by Kerry Hall to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Eric Trisler. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

# MARCH / APRIL

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<b>March 21</b> 8:00a Matins 8:30a Bible Class & Sunday School 9:30a Divine Service	<b>March 22</b>	<b>March 23</b>	<b>March 24</b> 5:30 Soup Supper 6:00-6:45p Private Confession 6:00-6:55p Luther League 7:00 -7:45p Lenten Evening Prayer 7:45-8:30p Catechesis	<b>March 25</b> 7pm Annunciation Divine Service	<b>Mar. 26</b> YOUTH COSMIC BOWLING 10p -12:30a	<b>March 27</b>
<b>March 28</b> Palm Sunday 8:00a Matins 8:30a Bible Class & Sunday School 9:30a Divine Service	<b>March 28</b> 7pm Holy Monday Vespers	<b>March 30</b> 7pm Holy Tuesday Vespers	<b>March 31</b> 6:00-6:45p Private Confession 7pm Holy Wednesday Vespers	<b>April 1</b> 7pm Maundy Thursday Divine Service	<b>April 2</b> 12-3p Tre Ore Service 7pm Tenebrae Service	<b>April 3</b> 7:30pm Easter Vigil Service w/ Confirmation
<b>April 4</b> Resurrection of Our Lord 6:00a Divine Service 7:30-8:30a Youth Easter Breakfast 9:30a Divine Service	<b>April 5</b> 7pm Easter Monday Svc	<b>April 6</b>	<b>April 7</b> 6:00-6:45p Private Confession 6:00-6:55p Luther League 7:00 -7:45p Svc of Prayer and Preaching 7:45-8:30p Catechesis	<b>April 8</b> 6:00 Youth Group	<b>April 9</b>	<b>April 10</b>
<b>April 11</b> 8:00a Matins 8:30a Bible Class & Sunday School 9:30a Divine Service	<b>April 12</b> 10:00a Matins @ Jerseyville Nursing & Rehab 6:30p Girl Scouts	<b>April 13</b> 5:30-7:00p Elders' Mtg 7:00-8:00p Council Mtg. 8:00-8:15p Compline	<b>April 14</b> 6:00-6:45p Private Confession 6:00-6:55p Luther League 7:00 -7:45p Svc of Prayer and Preaching 7:45-8:30p Catechesis	<b>April 15</b> 10:00a Jerseyville Min. Alliance Book Club	<b>April 16</b>	<b>April 17</b>
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